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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND THE  
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR TUTORING.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to improving  
education opportunities for its children; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico receives substantial  
federal funding through Title I programs aimed at improving  
educational opportunities for elementary and secondary students  
facing economic and academic challenges; and

WHEREAS, a portion of such federal funding expressly  
designated to assist students in schools in need of improvement  
is intended to assist those students in greatest need of  
educational assistance through supplemental education services;  
and

WHEREAS, under this program, parents have the option to

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1 choose from a variety of programs designed to provide specific  
2 supplemental education services to children enrolled in  
3 eligible schools; and

4 WHEREAS, students may find themselves struggling at any  
5 time during the school year and should be able to receive  
6 assistance when needed if funds are available; and

7 WHEREAS, research indicates that summer studies can  
8 significantly improve student academic performance in the  
9 following school year; and

10 WHEREAS, federal guidelines support the benefits of summer  
11 tutoring, and expanding the program time frame into the summer  
12 months does not require additional state funding; and

13 WHEREAS, there appears to be no reason why the public  
14 education department cannot make federal funding for summer  
15 tutoring available;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
17 OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be requested  
18 to initiate an open enrollment process and the necessary  
19 parental notification to eligible families throughout the year,  
20 including the summer break, up to the program's funding  
21 allocation limits, with the understanding that federal funds  
22 committed, due to enrollment, before the end of the fiscal  
23 year, can be carried over for the tutoring during summer  
24 months; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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